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Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application entitled:

Method for Improving Business Performance Through Analysis

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- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby requests that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
- ☒ Applicant(s) suggests Figure 1 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.
- ☒ Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information:  
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- ☐ Small entity status is claimed.

Also enclosed are:

**DRAWINGS:** 8 sheets of formal drawings        sheets of informal drawings

**DECLARATION:** ☐ will follow ☒ executed, is enclosed ☐ unexecuted, is enclosed

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35 U.S.C. § 119  
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**OTHER PAPERS:** ☐ a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees

☐ an Information Disclosure Statement

☐ an Application Data Sheet (ADS)

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☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line one of the following sentence (an executed declaration referencing this amendment is enclosed or will follow):

☐ --This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 to \_\_\_\_\_  
filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_; the entire content of which is hereby  
incorporated by reference.--

☐ --This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to U.S. Provisional Application  
No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby  
incorporated by reference.--

☐ --This application is a continuation of International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed  
on \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows ☐ and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims		Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Basic Application Fee (1001)					\$ 750.00
Total Claims	15	MINUS 20 =	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	x \$84.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00 (1203)					\$ 0.00
Total Application Fee					\$ 750.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					\$ 0.00
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- ☐ This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
- ☒ Charge \$ 790.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
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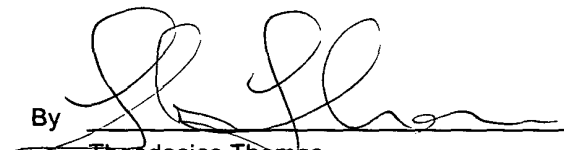
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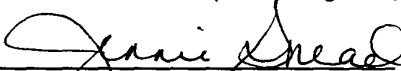
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